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1. HERewith FULL TEXT MAXINE CHESHIRE BYLINER SUNDAY, MAY 12, WASHINGTON POST HEADLINED "HOUSE-HUNTING."
2. SECRETARY OF STATE AND MRS. HENRY KISSINGER, DISAPPOINTED AT NOT BEING ABLE TO RENT JACQUELINE KENNEDY ONASSIS' OLD HOUSE IN GEORGETOWN, ARE GOING TO START HOUSE-HUNTING AGAIN WHEN THEY RETURN NEXT WEEK.
3. BEFORE THEY LEFT, THE KISSINGERS HAD TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO RENT 3017 N ST. NW, THE 18TH-CENTURY MANSION BOUGHT BY THE FORMER FIRST LADY AFTER THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.
4. THE HOUSE IS OWNED NOW BY MICHAEL STRAIGHT, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE ARTS, WHO WAS MARRIED LAST WEEK TO MRS. ONASSIS' STEPSISTER, NINA AUCHINCLOSS STEERS.

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5. MRS. STRAIGHT DOES NOT CHOOSE TO LIVE IN HER STEP-SISTER'S OLD HOUSE AND THE PLACE HAS BEEN FOR SALE FOR \$365,000.

6. ALTHOUGH MUTUAL FRIENDS TRIED HARD TO PERSUADE STRAIGHT TO RENT INSTEAD TO THE KISSINGERS, HE HAS DECLINED. HIS REASONS ARE NOT KNOWN. THE LARGE, HIGH-CEILINGED ROOMS, FURNISHED WITH ANTIQUES AND HUNG WITH STRAIGHT'S VALUABLE COLLECTION OF PAINTINGS, WAS IDEAL FOR THE KISSINGERS.

7. ALSO, BECAUSE STRAIGHT, A WHITNEY HEIR, IS A VERY WEALTHY MAN, HE PRESUMABLY COULD HAVE AFFORDED TO ASK ONLY A NOMINAL RENT.

8. HE WAS WHITE HOUSE COUNSEL LEONARD GARMENT'S LANDLORD IN FAIRFAX COUNTY AND CHARGED ONLY \$275 A MONTH FOR A 17-ACRE FARM WHICH INCLUDES TWO PONDS, A HISTORIC RED BRICK COLONIAL HOUSE, A BARN AND A CARETAKER'S HOUSE.

9. DISAPPOINTED THAT STRAIGHT HAS DECIDED AGAINST RENTING TO KISSINGER, ONE OF THE SECRETARY'S STAFF AIDES SAID UNHAPPILY LAST WEEK: "NOW WE HAVE TO START ALL OVER."

10. THE TASK IS NOT EASY. KISSINGER IS NOT A WEALTHY MAN. HE WANTS A THREE-YEAR LEASE AT A RENT THAT IS NOT TOO STEEP. THE PLACE MUST BE FURNISHED AND MEET SECRET SERVICE REQUIREMENTS.

11. ALSO, HE NEEDS IT IN A HURRY. HIS LEASE HAS ALREADY EXPIRED ON THE PLACE HE WAS RENTING DURING HIS BACHELOR DAYS. THE LANDLORD IS ANXIOUS TO HAVE HIM OUT, ACCORDING TO ONE REAL ESTATE PERSON INVOLVED, BECAUSE THE RENT WILL BE FROZEN ON JUNE 1. (END TEXT.) RUSH

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